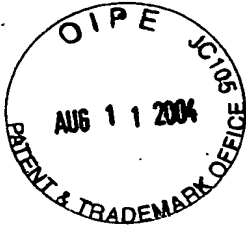


PATENT APPLICATION



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August 6, 2004

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For : SHEET-TYPE β -FeSi₂ ELEMENT, AND METHOD
AND DEVICE FOR MANUFACTURING THE SAME

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RESPONSE

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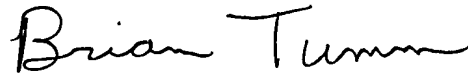
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Respectfully submitted,



Brian R. Tumm

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☒ Copy of PTO communication mailed June 7, 2004.

☐ Declaration or Oath

☐ Attached to the Declaration or Oath is a copy of the specification which was filed in the Patent Office in order to obtain a filing date for this application.

☐ Verified English translation of originally-filed foreign language text.

☐ Preliminary Amendment Cancelling Claims (Please enter before calculating the filing fee.)

☐ Amendment Before First Office Action

☐ Information Disclosure Statement

☒ Small entity status is claimed. See 37 CFR 1.27.

☒ 2 Statement(s) re small entity is/are enclosed.

☒ Acknowledgment Postal Card

☐ Priority is claimed under 35 USC 119 based on Application No. , filed .

☐ A certified copy of the priority application is enclosed.

☒ The filing fee is as follows:

☐ Design Application - ☐ \$340.00 (large entity)

☐ \$170.00 (small entity)

☒ Utility Application - as calculated below:

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Basic Fee				\$770.00	\$385.00	\$385.00
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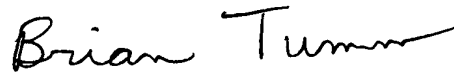
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*Filing Date Granted*Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
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